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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-14 are pending and claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 13 are rejected. Claims 5, 7, 10, 12, and 14 are indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the allowable claims.

Claims 1, 6, 10, 11, and 14 are amended; and claims 5, 7, and 12 are cancelled.

Since claim 5 is indicated allowable, applicants have incorporated the features recited in claim 5 into claim 1 and cancel claim 5. As such, amended claim 1, and dependent claims 2-4, are patentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0138660 by Boyer et al. (hereinafter, "Boyer") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,101,535 by Hussmann et al. (hereinafter, "Hussmann").

Since claim 7 is indicated allowable, applicants have incorporated the features recited in claim 7 into claim 6 and cancel claim 7. Claim 10 is amended to directly depend from claim 6. As such, amended claim 6, and dependent claims 8-10, are patentable over Boyer and Hussmann.

Since claim 12 is indicated allowable, applicants have incorporated the features recited in claim 12 into claim 11 and cancel claim 12. Claim 14 is amended to directly depend from claim 11. As such, amended claim 11, and dependent claims 13 and 14, are patentable over Boyer and Hussmann.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks/arguments, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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